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Application No.: 09/398,665 \_\_\_\_\_ )

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For: DIGITAL CERTIFICATE \_\_\_\_\_ )  
SUPPORT SYSTEM, METHODS \_\_\_\_\_ )  
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of our knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p).

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith via CD-ROM.

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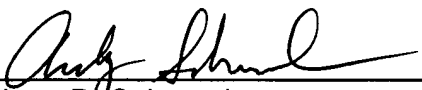
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